

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An improved saddle has a seat, a primary stirrup hanging downwardly from the seat, and an auxiliary stirrup hanging downwardly from the seat behind and below the primary stirrup. The two stirrups allow the rider to use both feet in mounting the horse, with the right foot placed first in the stirrup, and the left foot then placed in the primary stirrup as the rider steps up with the right foot in the auxiliary stirrup. The mounting process uses two small steps, rather than one large step as in conventional saddles without the auxiliary stirrup.